

# A FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

The Near-Farmer—The Miner on the Farm—What Good Farming Requires a Knowledge Of—To Do One Thing at a Time and to Do Things Systematically Always Pays—The Fool Question Knocks Out Philosophy.

(Written Specially for The Bulletin.)

Some time ago I talked, one day, about the difference between mining and farming. The idea was to show people who call themselves farmers are, more accurately, miners. They do not farm their lands with intelligent prevision of the future, but "mine" them—take all they can get out of the dirt and put nothing back. They are the sort who rush after new lands, work them feverishly for a few years, get off them all that they can by hit-or-miss methods, make a sort of "grab game" of it, and then, when the abused soil produces any longer, to yield crops to their pillage—"pillaging," please, not tillage—they make a bolt for some other place where they think they can again get something for nothing.

This is the way farms are worn out. A real farmer never yet wore out a farm. Real farming makes the farm better every year.

Five or six years ago a western farmer who had raised big crops on his fertile prairie section and had made some money, had a chance to sell his prairie place for about twice the price of one of equal size in this east town in which I live. So he sold there, bought here, and for several years undertook to carry on the New England farm. Somehow he didn't succeed. He was rather free with his advice to the slow natives about how big farmers did things "out west," but the slow neighbors generally stuck to their slow ways and frequently had fair crops. He almost always failed. So now he has sold his New England farm and gone back west again. The day before he went he told me that nobody could ever hope to make farming pay in the east. "You have to put back as much as you take off," he complained. Why, he had a neighbor, a big dairyman who once offered him four hundred loads of stable manure if he would only draw it away—and the dairyman would have it loaded for him. "And how far would you have had to draw it?" "Oh, a little over half a mile." But he didn't take it; had no use for it and no time to waste on such foolishness. "Now he's hunting the west for land which will grow crops without manure and with little labor." And then the last acre of that sort of land has been taken up in this country, as it was hundreds of years ago in Europe, where do such as he think crops are coming from?

But it isn't these "miners" that I want to talk this morning. It is of another class. You've read the advertisements about "near-silk." It's something which isn't silk, but pretends to be some resemblance. So there are real farmers who can sort them I call "near-farmers." They aren't the genuine thing, though they often look and talk like it, and invariably think themselves a little better than solid metal. They are always going to do great things, but always falling short. They set out to make big money and end by making a living—perhaps. They put about seventeen irons into the fire and do very fair jobs with a dozen of them; the rest they leave to burn out. They are the kind who work magnificently and successfully to raise grand crops of corn, and who then leave it "stocked" in the field, till the fall rains have soaked and softened and sprouted the corn and pick it clean, but leaving it half stripped to struggle after one a little farther on that looks better.

And so on and so on. There are many varieties of these "near-farmers" than you could stick at in a long June day. But they all come under the general head. They may impose upon chance visitors or casual observers, but they're not real farmers. At least, they're not really good farmers.

It's something of a trick to be a real farmer. Oh, don't let that nose begin to twitch. I'm not going into highfalutin' nonsense about the dignity of the thing or its fundamental importance in the building of civilization. Leave that to the office seekers who want to swap softsoap for soft snaps.

For us older, knotted and gnarled specimens of growth I often think that one practical rule would help us a good deal if we'd only follow it. That is to stick to one job till it's done, whatever it be. If you set out to build a new fence, why, just build that fence. Don't tear the old one down, and then go to cutting corn or plowing for rye. When you build fence, build fence; when you cut corn, cut corn. Do one thing at a time; do it well; do it all; finish up the job, and then tackle another the next in order. Don't go flying from one thing to another, leaving all you undertake half done.

"All very fine," I imagine you saying, "but suppose when I get that fence half built, Neighbor Jones' cows start to grow up into just 'near-farmers.' Now that isn't fair, you know. Such questions as that will knock the stuffing out of any philosophy. The old dairyman preacher was telling how God made the very first man out of wet clay, 'and so him up against a fence to dry.' 'Hey, there,' called an auditor, 'Er dat wuz de berry fast man, hucum dat fence dar?' The old preacher, don't you see, 'Tut, dat nigger out,' he shouted, 'Er he keeps on askin' sech fool questions as dat, our whole theology'll be upset!'"

THE FARMER.

mother, Mrs. David Chase, returned to New York on Wednesday. Sablin S. Russell was entertained over Sunday at Highland Lake by William Edgett, who was clerk of the house.

The cake and ice cream ball on the lawn of Mrs. F. W. Bennett, considering the weather, was very successful.

## CANTERBURY.

Lawn Party and Entertainment at Pleasant View Farm Very Successful—Fire Fighters Did Good Work.

The lawn party at Pleasant View farm Tuesday evening was a grand success, as every entertainment given there has been. There were over 100 present and they cleared \$9—the money to go towards repairing the M. P. church. Four kinds of ice cream and several kinds of cake were served, and Mrs. George R. Thatcher brought a load of cake with Y. P. C. A. in large letters on it, and Miss Dolia S. Robins a loaf with "sure death" on it. The entertainment included a piano duet by Mrs. Charles Dawson; recitation, Mrs. Dolia S. Robins; piano solo, Mrs. Charles Dawson; recitation, Miss Liberty Dawson; solo, Herbert L. Tracy, with Miss Ida L. Tracy at the piano; recitation, Mrs. Frank Parkhurst; solo, Miss Liberty Dawson; recitation, Miss Edith M. Williams; solo, Herbert Tracy. Miss Ida L. Tracy, accompanist. Fred Hick could not be found to speak his little piece, as he was busy eating a slice of candy.

Bucket Brigade, by Timely Action, Saved G. H. Greene's House from Destruction.

An exciting time took place last Monday morning about 10.30 at the green, when the residence of George Greene caught fire from the chimney. Nearly half the roof was burned and it seemed at one time that the house must go to ashes. After the church bell was rung a large crowd congregated in a short time. It was necessary to cut a hole in the roof in order to save it. Nearly every thing in the house was lost before the flames were entirely under control and then just in time, as water commenced to give out all around. It was first discovered by Mrs. Greene as she stood outside talking with one of her neighbors. Hearing a noise like thunder at a distance, she looked up just as the flames and smoke were sweeping through the attic window and roof. Canterbury can certainly boast of her fire fighters, and if she had a house company could surely do no better than the bucket brigade did on last Monday morning.

## BROOKLYN.

Miss Daisy Baker Will Teach in Plainfield—Personal Items.

Lewis S. Palmer of Manchester is spending his vacation with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. Palmer.

James E. Palmer and Ralph Cole of Attleboro, Mass., were the guests over Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Palmer.

Mrs. Mary H. Bennett, Mrs. J. K. Potter and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Pond visited on Monday and Mrs. William H. Brown in Windham the past week.

Miss Mary Ashley Cleveland of New York is visiting her sister, Mrs. Lily C. Kingley.

Mrs. George L. Sweet spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Lamb, in Webster and later visited relatives in New Hampshire.

The Misses Isabel and Elvira Petus of New York are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Case.

Mrs. Daisy Baker has returned to her home and soon after the first of September will commence her school in the town of Plainfield.

Mrs. Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Pond visited Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown of Putnam on Wednesday.

Benjamin Brown of Putnam visited William B. Porter the past week.

## WOODSTOCK

Academy Class of 1910 Enjoys Outing—Congregational Picnic—Local Grangers at North Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Southworth of New York and Mrs. Andrew Avery of Norwich are at the Southworth home-stead for a few weeks.

Rev. J. D. Wilson, D. D., of Philadelphia preached a powerful sermon at the Congregational church Sunday.

Mrs. W. J. Linderman has as her guests the Misses Rich of Oxford, Mass.

The class of 1910, Woodstock academy, had a picnic at Roseland park Tuesday.

Mrs. Clarence H. Child entertained a party of ladies Tuesday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Burgee of Williamstown, N. J.

The Congregational church and Sunday school held their picnic at Roseland park Wednesday.

A large number from here attended the Pomona grange meeting at L. H. Healey's, North Woodstock, Thursday.

## PHOENIXVILLE

Telegraph Poles Removed from State Road—Sawmill on Cady Lot.

The Child Lumber company have set their mill on the Cady lot and have commenced sawing the lumber. They had to set near the Bigelow river in order to have a supply of water for their engine.

Peaches and plums are getting ripe. M. F. Latham went to Ellington on Monday with Andrew G. Morse, our first selectman, investigating the records in a case which interests this town.

Ray E. Latham is working for the Child Lumber company on the Cady lot.

Caro P. Latham went to Saybrook Monday and returned Wednesday.

The French Cable Telegraph company are moving the poles that encroached on the state road recently completed.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettice have returned from their visit to friends at Jamaica Plain, Mass.

## CLARK'S CORNERS.

Eleventh Annual Reunion of Hampton High School Thursday—Personals.

Mrs. Hoxie of Northampton, Mass., is visiting Mrs. H. E. Wade.

Miss Lillian Austin was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Alden Jewett, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mamie Kelly has returned from visiting her cousin, Mrs. Thomas Sullivan, of Williamstown.

The 11th annual reunion of the C. C. Foster Hampton high school will be held in Grange hall at Hampton on Thursday, September 2, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. All members of the school have been invited. An interesting programme has been arranged by the committee in charge: Annie Williams Holt, Allen Jewett, Sarah A. Tiffany, Helen Hammond, Vernet E. Cleveland.

## RAWSON

Frank Phillips on Automobile Trip—Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kenyon were guests of their daughter, Mrs. William Phillips, on Wednesday.

Frank Phillips left on Sunday for a week's vacation in Albany, N. Y., with friends from Pomfret, making the trip in his automobile.

William Phillips and family have returned from their cottage at Crescent Beach.

Alvin Sweet has returned from a short outing at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Berggren have

as their guest Mrs. Kate Nolan of New York. Dr. Dwight Lewis of New Haven spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Fuller.

## WOODSTOCK VALLEY.

Fifty Attended Dance—Visitors of the Week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chamberlaine are entertaining their son, Clarence Chamberlaine, and Mrs. Corinne Wall of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Blakelee of Bristol, R. I., is a guest at Kreim.

Nearly 50 attended the dance in the hall, given by the young people in honor of the summer visitors, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shepard recently had as guests Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin of Williamstown.

Mrs. E. T. Perrin is entertaining her uncle, Elliott Kates of Mystic.

The Misses Williams leave this week for Southbridge where Miss Laura Williams is a teacher.

Mrs. Annie Byrnes and Mrs. Harwood of Norwich are guests at Kreim.

## NORTH WOODSTOCK

Pomona Meeting Enjoyed by Many.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Williams of Brooklyn were callers at Mrs. Mathilda Morse's Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Skinner is in Boston for a week.

The Pomona meeting held at Echo farm, the pleasant home of L. H. Healey, state master of the grange, on Thursday, Aug. 26, was well attended, about 200 being present. Speakers of prominence were enjoyed. A male quartette from Storrs and songs by Miss Randall of Chaplin were enthusiastically received. A picnic lunch with coffee furnished by Woodstock grange was served.

## STERLING

Miss Louise Parsons returned to her home in Thompsonville on Monday.

Mrs. W. Vaughan is entertaining Miss Shepard of Williamstown.

Mrs. Harpur is entertaining friends from out of town.

Miss Ethel Chipman of Moosup is employed in the office of the United States Fishery company.

Mrs. Leslie Carpenter of New Haven are spending some time with their cousin, Miss Carrie French.

Prof. and Mrs. Samuel M. Albrow have returned from Ocean Grove where they spent some time.

## HOWARD VALLEY

Miss Terry of Brooklyn visited at the hill farm over Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Humes is in Plainfield caring for Mrs. C. Phillips, who is ill.

William Smith has moved to Eastford to work for Child & Whipple.

## ASHFORD.

Miss Fannie Masters of Providence is visiting at The Outlook.

Ell Wood is painting the church. The Rev. Leslie Carpenter of New York is at the Orchard house.

Frank Greene, who has been under the doctor's care for a week past, is much improved.

## TOLLAND COUNTY.

### COLUMBIA

Master Edward Lyman Shot Deer and Entertained Friends at Venison Party—Ladies Aid Society Nets \$150 from Fair and Entertainment.

Fred N. Tucker and family of Hartford were with relatives in town over Sunday. For many years Mr. Tucker has been a member of the South Baptist church choir in Hartford, and on their morning church service favored the congregation with a finely-rendered bass solo.

Venison Party. Master Edward P. Lyman, Jr., shot a deer recently on the farm of George A. Fuller in Lebanon, who has been greatly annoyed by these animals, which have destroyed his garden vegetables. As a sequel to the shooting, Eddie, on Thursday gave a venison party to which were invited the members of his Sunday school class, the teachers of the class, Miss Josephine Kneeland, and Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Norris. About 18 were present. Venison formed an important part of the menu.

Spoke on Thorsby Institute. Miss Helen C. Jenkins of Thorsby Institute, Ala., spoke at the evening meeting last Sunday relative to the institution and its needs and the importance of educating the poor whites in that section. The meeting was well attended and the lecture interesting.

Straw Ride from Colchester. Colchester friends and relatives of Miss Marjorie Lyman of this place enjoyed a straw ride from Colchester to Columbia on Thursday evening and were entertained by Miss Lyman at the home of her father, Charles B. Lyman.

Egg with Three Yolks. A hen owned by Mrs. Fred Wolf produced a novelty recently in the shape of an egg which contained three large and perfectly formed yolks. The egg was an unusually large one and Mrs. Wolf expected to find it double-yolked, but on breaking it found that biddy had given her one better.

A Splendid Success. The fair and entertainment given by the Ladies Aid society at Yeoman's hall last Tuesday afternoon and evening was from every point of view a grand success. The attendance was large, both afternoon and evening. The proceeds from the fancy work table alone amounted to \$68.45, and the total proceeds of the various departments and the entertainment netted \$150. At the entertainment given in the evening there was no spare standing room in the hall. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, readings and recitations. Mrs. W. A. Harris gave several selections which brought out applause, and the musical numbers were finely executed. The summer visitors aided greatly.

## SPRING HILL

Mrs. Arthur Palmer Entertained Friends—W. A. Weld's 60th Anniversary Observed—Many Attended Pomological Meeting.

Mrs. Arthur Palmer gave a party on Tuesday afternoon. Her list of invitations included Mrs. Machelle of New York, Miss Helen Jacobs of Dudley, Mass., Mrs. Harry Hawkins and the Misses Mabel Slate, Louise Hawkins, Mary Starrs, Ethel and Vera Freeman and Martha and Gladys Fishery of Spring Hill. Games were played and a delicious afternoon spent. Mrs. Palmer served an appetizing lunch.

Sixtieth Birthday. On Friday of last week quite a number of friends of W. A. Weld spent the day at his home in honor of his 60th birthday. Some of the party were from different points in Massachusetts, making the trip in automobiles. Mr. W. A. Weld's sisters from New York were present also.

Sheep Wrought Haves. Harry Hawkins' vegetable garden was completely destroyed by a flock of sheep while the family were absent one day last week.

At Camp Ground. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland with friends from Brimfield, Mass., attended the

Willimantic camp meeting Friday, making the trip in Mr. Beebe's new automobile.

A large number attended the pomological meetings at Storrs Tuesday and Wednesday. Many automobiles were in use.

Mrs. C. E. Havens and Miss J. Amilton of Norwich were on the hill Sunday afternoon.

Gilbert Storrs and Miss Bertha Woodmansee of Norwich were on the hill Tuesday evening.

## BOLTON

Juvenile Grange Had an Outing—Whist Party—Personal Mention.

Mrs. S. W. Hayes, Mrs. H. W. Barnard, Mrs. Frank Whiton and Miss Lucy Whiton, who are spending the month at Edridge cottage, entertained a party of ladies at last week Friday afternoon. The whist was much enjoyed by all.

Members of the juvenile grange and their friends, who numbered forty, held a picnic east of Mrs. Mary Sumner's Tuesday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid society met with their vice president, Mrs. F. H. Strong, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lynch has returned to Willimantic after a week spent in town.

Miss Olive Hutchinson is in Hartford visiting at her uncle's, William Maxwell's.

W. B. Loomis of Westfield, Mass., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Loomis.

William R. Sumner of Rockville has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Jane B. Sumner.

Miss Mildred Carpenter and her brother, Leslie Carpenter of New Haven are spending some time with their cousin, Miss Carrie French.

Prof. and Mrs. Samuel M. Albrow have returned from Ocean Grove where they spent some time.

## STAFFORDVILLE

Number at Camp Meeting—Methodist Sunday School Picnic Today.

Miss Lula Ide of Hallowville has been spending a week with friends in Waterbury.

Mrs. Willis Belcher and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown attended the funeral of their uncle, Wheaton Brown, in Douglas, Mass., last week Friday.

Mrs. George Gray, Mrs. Leon Cooley and son Joseph are spending two weeks with Mrs. Kate Bedford in Guild, N. H.

Mrs. S. B. Howard of Quinebaug and Mrs. Thomas Williams of Sharon, Mass., recently been the guests at the Methodist parsonage.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the Willimantic camp meeting last week.

The Methodist church Sunday school picnic is being held at Evergreen Park today (Saturday). An enjoyable time is expected.

Mrs. Dina Smith of Springfield was the guest of Mrs. Henry O'Brien over Sunday.

## COVENTRY

Visitors of the Week.

There was no service held in the Baptist church at Mansfield Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Tilden and daughter Mildred of Norwich are visiting Misses Augusta and Mary Tilden.

Clayton Easterbrook of Willimantic was calling on friends in Coventry and Mansfield, Depot Sunday.

Mrs. Mae Manacostropo was the guest of Miss Ethel Green one day last week.

Miss Anna Hall of New York is spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. George Steadman.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Oldershaw and little son of Willimantic visited his grandfather, Whipple Green, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Pollard and little daughter Barbara of Willimantic are spending their vacation with his father, Henry Pollard.

Mrs. Peter Garvey and daughter Mildred are visiting her sister, Mrs. Maude Rogers, in Waterbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Berne Thompson and two children have returned home from a visit with relatives in Hampton.

## MOUNT HOPE

O. G. Hanke was in Mount Hope calling on friends Sunday.

Mrs. William S. Ford is visiting friends in Hartford at present.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bacon and Miss

Lina Bacon and Mrs. B. O. Moore went to Hampton and called on Mr. and Mrs. Fuller and his sister Laura Fuller recently.

J. H. Bacon and daughter Lina attended the reunion of his regiment, the 14th Massachusetts in Westfield, Mass. A. M. Grant and Mr. and Mrs. Miner Grant and Mrs. Bilby went to Ashford for a ride recently.

## WILLINGTON

Rev. Thomas Denman at Baptist Church—State Humane Agent Gardner Spent Sunday in Town.

Bella Eno, who spent Sunday at Samuel Bartlett's, accompanied the family to church and was gladly welcomed by her many friends. She is passing the summer at Stafford Spring but expects to teach again at Mount Hope where she taught last year with excellent success.

Our former townsman Jessie Eno, who is building a new dwelling house on the site of the one burned in the spring at Mansfield Centre expects to occupy the new dwelling in October.

Miss Ada Carr left Maple Corner for Intervale, in the White Mountains, Monday morning, going by way of Boston.

Samuel Gardner, state humane agent of New Haven, and daughter, Miss Linda came up Saturday in his automobile and spent Sunday at the Congregational parsonage. Miss Linda remains for a longer visit.

Miss Emma Rolins returned last Thursday from her four months' visit in Webster, Mass., and vicinity.

Miss Frances Mercerau of Elizabeth, N. J., arrived at Maple Corner on Friday. Miss Mary O. Glazier came on Saturday from Saxton's River, Vt., where she has been for six weeks.

On Sunday morning at the Congregational church Rev. Mr. Gardner preached an excellent sermon from 1st Samuel, 14:32, subject "God wants the best."

Miss Alice Walker Pratt spent Sunday at South Londonderry, Vt., with her brother, Robert R. Pratt and wife. Mrs. Gilbert Ide is seriously ill again. Her nurse is Mrs. Fred Squier, but her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Church of Rockville is also with her.

Rev. Thomas Denman was listened to with close attention by a good sized audience in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. He preached from the words "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." The sermon was helpful and suggestive in many ways and well delivered.

The day for the annual excursion from South Willington to Block Island was ideal for such a trip and the many who went had a delightful time.

## UNION.

Rev. George Curtiss of West Haven is visiting friends in town a guest of his niece, Mrs. W. R. Richards.

Mrs. Hugh Graham is visiting her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Myers of West Woodstock.

Mrs. R. C. Agard of Brimfield is with relatives in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Horton of Monson are visiting his brothers, E. M. and R. B. Horton.

## NEW LONDON

### POLITICS HUMMING.

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tunity to spread out. This plant is now west of the railroad and fronts on the harbor, extending from north end of the railroad bridge to Hamilton street, taking in the entire water front for that distance. Adjoining this property on the north and extending almost to Fort Trumbull, is the Davidson property, formerly used in part as a shipyard.

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When the New London Marine Iron Works management is ready to make its plans public, it is to be hoped that it will be along the lines of the magnitude here outlined, not at the start, perhaps, but in the course of a few years.

# DR. King's Restoration Method

What It Does for Toothless People



THOMAS JEFFERSON KING, D. D. S.

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## A PAINLESS PROCESS

An impression has gone forth that there is some surgical operation connected with this method of restoring missing teeth. Some people have written in to know if we bore down into the bone and put the teeth in on pegs!

Others have an idea we set the new teeth into the sockets where the natural teeth were originally.